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--THE ANTICIPATED BREAKING OF DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH THE PHILIPPINES WAS TAKEN IN PRACTICAL CHINESE STRIDE AND MOST MEDIA COMMENTATORS FLATLY PREDICTED THAT BANGKOK WOULD FOLLOW SUIT SHORTLY. THE MARCOS "BETRAYAL" WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE U.S. FAILURE IN INDOCHINA, AND THERE WERE HOPEFUL PREDICTIONS THAT TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCE WOULD REVERSE THE RECENT COURSE OF EVENTS. BUT THE MAIN TAIPEI MEDIA STRESS WAS ON ESTABLISHING WORKABLE MEANS FOR CONTINUING TAIPEI-MANILA TRADE, CULTURAL, EXCHANGES AND COMMUNICATIONS TIES.

--HOWEVER, THE MORE PREVAILING, NAGGING QUESTIONS CONTINUED TO BE VERY MUCH RELATED TO PRESIDENT FORD'S SCHEDULED PEKING TRIP AND THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES TO TAIWAN. ONE OF THE MOST CANDID LOCAL DISCUSSIONS SEEN RECENTLY WAS A UNCLASSIFIED

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THREE-PART SERIES BY CHIEF EDITORIAL WRITER OF THE INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES (350,000), LEE LIEN, FOLLOWING A TWO-MONTH U.S. TRIP. LEE SAID HIS CONTACTS WITH U.S. CONGRESSMEN, PLUS LEADING MEDIA AND ACADEMIC FIGURES,

CONVINCED HIM THAT U.S.-PRC DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION WAS PRACTICALLY A SETTLED MATTER PRIOR TO THE INDOCHINA DISASTER, PROVIDED SOME WAY COULD BE FOUND TO MANAGE U.S.-ROC RELATIONS. LEE QUOTED A JOHN FAIRBANK'S FORMULA: AFTER DECIDING TO RECOGNIZE THE PRC, A JOINT PRESIDENTIAL-CONGRESSIONAL STATEMENT WOULD DECLARE THE 1954 TREATY NO LONGER USEFUL SINCE CHOU EN-LAI GUARANTEED TAIWAN AS AN INTERNAL PROBLEM NOT REQUIRING FORCEFUL SOLUTION; THE U.S. WOULD CONTINUE TO DISPLAY GREAT INTEREST IN WESTERN PACIFIC STABILITY, MEANING THE U.S. WOULD CONTINUE TO PROTECT TAIWAN AGAINST MILITARY ATTACK. LEE FURTHER QUOTED FAIRBANK AS STRESSING THAT U.S.-PRC DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION WOULD NOT HARM TAIWAN'S STABILITY AS A ECONOMIC POWER ANY MORE THAN WAS THE CASE WITH TOKYO-PEKING TIES. FAIRBANK REPORTEDLY SAID CHINA IS A LARGE COUNTRY WITH PRECEDENTS FOR TOLERATING CERTAIN OF ITS AREAS OPERATING UNDER DIFFERENT SYSTEMS. IN ANY EVENT, THE U.S. MUST RECOGNIZE CHINA'S SOVEREIGNTY BASED ON THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, HE CONCLUDED.

--HOWEVER, LEE POSED ONE HOPEFUL ESCAPE CLAUSE. HE QUOTED U.S. SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN AS SAYING THAT IF 16 MILLION PEOPLE IN TAIWAN DECLARED AGAINST BELONGING TO A MAOIST CHINA THEN 80 PERCENT OF BOTH U.S. HOUSES WOULD FIRMLY OPPOSE U.S.-PRC RELATIONS IF IT MEANT BREAKING RELATIONS WITH THE ROC. THE PERIOD FROM NOW UNTIL THE 1976 U.S. ELECTIONS IS CRUCIAL, LEE SAID, AND URGED THE ROC GOVERNMENT TO EMPHASIZE AN OVERSEAS PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO OFFSET MAOIST PROPAGANDA WHICH HE SAID WAS FLOODING THE U.S.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

--VOLSPKR WILLIAM J. DUIKER WAS JUST WHAT THE POST NEEDED TO STRENGTHEN OBJECTIVE I PROGRAMMING--A SPEAKER WHO OFFERED A CONVINCING STRAIGHTFORWARD DEFENSE OF U.S. POLICY OF DETENTE, PARTICULARLY IN WAKE OF VIETNAM COLLAPSE. IN SERIES OF LECTURES ON "PROSPECTS FOR U.S. UNCLASSIFIED

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POLICIES IN ASIA" AND "PROSPECTS FOR SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS," DUIKER TOUCHED BASE WITH MOST OF LEADING PRIMARY AUDIENCE GROUPS IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. PROGRAMS INCLUDED PANEL DISCUSSION FOR ACADEMIC AUDIENCE AT NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY SPONSORED BY MAN IN SOCIETY MAGAZINE, SEMINARS AT INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, ARMED FORCES UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIA SINICA INSTITUTE OF MODERN HISTORY, AND WELL ATTENDED LECTURES AT USIS CENTERS IN TAICHUNG AND TAIPEI. DUIKER GOOD IN CONVEYING SENSE OF AMERICAN PUBLIC WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT MOST U.S. FOREIGN POLICIES, AND IN ENCOURAGING FRANK AND STRAIGHTFORWARD DISCUSSION. SEVERAL PROGRAM SPONSORS THANKED DUIKER FOR CLARIFYING U.S. POSITION AND MAKING IT MORE UNDERSTANDABLE--

THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY MORE PALATABLE--FOR THEM.

--THE AGENCY'S VTR "EARTH OBSERVATIONS FROM SPACE" CONTINUED TO PROVE USEFUL WITH TARGETED AUDIENCES. A SPECIAL SHOWING WAS HELD IN THE POST'S NEW MULTIMEDIA STUDIO FOR MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INCLUDING THE INSTITUTE DIRECTOR WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ENERGY POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

--IPS WIRELESS FILE TEXTS OF MAJOR U.S. POLICY STATEMENTS ARE CONTINUING TO PROVE HIGHLY USEFUL. THIS WEEK, PRESIDENT FORD'S JUNE 9 NEWS CONFERENCE TEXT WAS HELPFUL IN A POLICY DISCUSSION WITH THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE'S SPOKESMAN GENERAL LI CHANG-HAO. AND ONE OF TAIPEI'S MOST POPULAR LECTURERS, COLONEL WU PEN-CHUNG PASSED OUT COMPLETE TEXTS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MAY 13 KANSAS CITY ADDRESS AT A INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' SEMCVAR SPONSORED BY THE CHINA YOUTH CORPS.

--USIS TAIPEI WOUND UP EIGHT-LECTURE CENTER SERIES "TRANSCENDENTALISM IN AMERICAN LITERATURE" WITH JUNE 4 LECTURE "EMILY DICKINSON - THE CIRCUMFERENCE OF HER PRIVATE VISION" BY WELL KNOWN CHINESE POST AND U. OF CALIFORNIA PROFESSOR YIP WAI-LIM AND JUNE 10 LECTURE "THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE TRANSCENDENTALISTS" BY RETURNED FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR LIN YAO-FU. YIP LECTURE DREW 220 AND, WITH ITS STRESS ON DICKINSON'S CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY, UNCLASSIFIED

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WAS BEST OF SERIES. LIN'S CONCLUDING LECTURE ATTENDED BY 150. BOTH AUDIENCES PRIMARILY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. CLARKE

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